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SUBJ: CALL ON MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION

JENS KAMPMANN

1. IN MY FIRST CALL ON MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION JENS KAMPMANN, WE DISCUSSED DANISH-SWEDISH PLANS FOR THE MALMO-COPENHAGEN BRIDGE/TUNNEL AND THE EXPANSION OF KASTRUP AIRPORT WHICH WILL RUN PARELLEL TO CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW SALTHOLM ISLAND AIRPORT. KAMPMANN'S MINISTRY FORMERLY ENCOMPASSED ENVIORNMENTAL AFFAIRS WHICH WAS SPLIT OFF IN A RECENT CABINET RESHUFFLE. HE SEEMS NOW VERY PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO CONCENTRATE ON TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS, AND PARTICULARLY ON THE BRIDGE AND AIRPORT PROJECTS.

2. I WAS INTERESTED TO HEAR KAMPMANN'S ASSURANCES THAT THE SWEDISH PARLIAMENT WOULD RATIFY THE AGREEMENT INITIALED IN JUNE BETWEEN THE DANISH AND SWEDISH MINISTERS OF TRANSPORTATION, WHICH PLACED BOTH ADMINISTRATIONS ON RECORD AS FAVORING THE MALMO-COPENHAGEN ROADWAY CONSTRUCTION. KAMPMANN WILL ATTEND, WITH A LARGE DANISH DELEGATION, A NORDIC MINISTERS MEETING BEGINNING OCTOBER 26 IN STOCKHOLM. THE DANES HOPE TO RETURN
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WITH ASSURANCES THAT THE SWEDISH ROADWAY BRIDGE AND TUNNEL WILL

DEFINITELY BE BUILT.

3. I POINTED OUR AMERICAN INTEREST IN SUPPLYING BOTH ENGINEERING AND PRODUCTS FOR THE KASTRUP/SALTHOLM AIRPORT PROJECTS, AND MENTIONED EXIMBANK'S INTEREST IN SUPPLYING FINANCING FOR ANY AMERICAN PARTICIPATION. KAMPMANN SAID THAT IT WAS THE MINISTRY'S PRESENT PLAN TO CALL ON ENGINEERING KNOW-HOW NOT ONLY FROM THE UNITED STATES, BUT ALSO VERY PROBABLY FROM GERMANY AND JAPAN. TRANSFER OF AIRLINE OPERATIONS FROM KASTRUP TO ALSTHOLM IS SCHEDULED FOR 1985.

4. WE TOUCHED BRIEFLY ON THE MIDDLE EAST WAR AND KAMPMANN REMARKED THAT THE THREAT OF AN OIL BOYCOTT HAD MOVED UP APPRECIABLY THE DANISH GOVERNMENT'S PLANS FOR DEVELOPING NEW SOURCES OF ENERGY. KAMPMANN, WHO HAS A REPUTATION FOR BEING ON THE LEFT WING OF THE RULING SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY, TOLD ME WITH A TOUCH OF PRIDE THAT HE WAS CONSIDERED THE MOST PRO-ISRAELI OF THE PRESENT CABINET MEMBERS.

5. KAMPMANN, WHO PARTICIPATED IN A LEADER GRANT PROGRAM IN 1967, RECALLED WITH ENTHUSIASM HIS SIX-WEEK TRIP THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES AT THAT TIME. HE PLANS TO VISIT THE NEW DALLAS-FORT WORTH AIRPORT, POSSIBLY IN THE SPING OF 1974, AND I ASSURED HIM WE STOOD READY TO ASSIST HIM WITH CONTACTS WHEN HIS PLANS ARE FARTHER ALONG.
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